

Program Guide for Winter Chills vol. 2

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- Open Mic Scary Stories Night - a program where patrons and/or staff can read teasers from their favorite scary stories. For ambience, keep the lights low. Round out the event with a costume contest and/or a local tarot reader.
- Host a horror trivia night
- Paranormal night - bring S.J. Lomas's short story, "All That Glitters", to life and invite a local paranormal investigator to do a presentation at your library/bookstore. Perhaps they can do a ghost hunt at your location or you can partner with them to host an event for your patrons at an offsite location to create some scary stories of their own!
- Gallery Reading - invite a local psychic to do a gallery reading at your library/bookstore and bring part of Dan MacDonald's short story, "Dead Air", to life for your patrons.
- Climate change info. night - invite an expert on climate change to give a talk at your library/bookstore to underscore the message in Layne Adamsson's short story, "Tipping Points".
- Scavenger Hunt/Escape room - Let your patrons experience the feelings of the main character in A.Q. Hart's short story, "She Gives Me Light" by giving them a spooky themed scavenger hunt/escape room experience.
- Rate the story contest - give patrons a spooky story reading challenge. Give patrons a selected reading list of books with spooky short stories, including Winter Chills vol. 2. Give them a voting form to choose their favorite short story from what they read. Have an award ceremony at the end of the voting period - a scary story party. Announce the top three winners and read excerpts. Cap off the event with snacks and a viewing of a scary movie, or a costume contest, or one of the ideas above - trivia night, or the open mic scary story night.